

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph after the title and before "Field of the Invention",  
as follows:

B1 This application is based on claims the benefit of Provisional Application Serial  
No. 60/198,209, filed April 19, 2000, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by  
reference.

Please replace the abstract with the following:

B2 A composition for sustained release comprises a carrier material containing a  
non-polymeric, non-water soluble liquid material having a viscosity of at least 5,000 cP  
at 37°C that does not crystallize neat under ambient physiological conditions, a  
multivalent metal cation, and growth hormone.